

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

In the Tennessee Legislature, the committee on military affairs has reported a bill authorizing the Governor to organize and equip one or more regiments of volunteers for each Congressional district, to be composed of loyal men, subject to the revised regulations of the U. S. army; the expense to be paid by the State Treasurer in sums not exceeding \$50,000 at any one time. The Governor is empowered to declare martial law in any county, and to quarter troops in such counties; the expense to be paid by tax on the people of said county.

There was a Democratic barbecue at Flowing Springs, in Jefferson county (West Va.) last week, at which more than 2,000 persons were present, and several excellent speeches made. At present there are 2,000 white male citizens over twenty-one years of age, in the county of Jefferson—but under the odious Radical law, only about 300 are permitted to register and vote!

Judge Moore, of this place, made a few days ago, an able and effective speech, at a Seymour and Blair meeting, at Brightwood, near Washington. It is highly spoken of by those who heard it, and it is suggested that Judge M. be requested to speak in some of the Northern States, as his arguments and appeals are always excellent.

A communication to the Utica Herald, from Dr. C. H. F. Peters, of the Litchfield Observatory of Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., dated August 24, says that a new planet of the group of the Asteroids was discovered by him on Saturday night. There appears to be no end to the discovery of planets.

A clergyman in Danville, Va., recently received a present of a barrel of flour, with a note from the donor, signed K. K. K. The clergyman thinks that it is one of the Ku Klux tricks, it would be fortunate for ministers if that order were in strong force in every community.

Mr. John S. Carille, ex-Senator from West Virginia, now a full blown Radical, says that he would have supported Hancock and Hendricks. Well, they are Conservatives, as well as Seymour and Blair, and are in favor of Seymour and Blair. This is a poor get off.

Mr. Pendleton is making most effective speeches in Maine, which are listened to with interest by great crowds of people. In Indiana Mr. Hendricks is, also, speaking to large meetings, and creating much enthusiasm in favor of the Conservative cause.

The house of E. A. Vogler, of Salem, N. C., says the People's Press, has shipped this season one thousand barrels of dried blackberries, worth about \$30,000. The price has advanced to 18 cts. per pound.

Judge Advocate Holt, has decided that Gen. Dyer is not entitled to the Court Martial he demanded, in reference to the recent charges against him, (Gen. D.) An appeal will be made to the Secretary of War.

Upon a banner borne at the late Democratic and Conservative gathering at Portland, Me., was the inscription, "Ships owned in Portland in 1860, 41; in 1863, 1." This speaks whole volumes.

Hunnicut disclaims all affiliation with the Radical meeting held in Richmond, yesterday, a brief account of which is given in to-day's Gazette.

It will be seen that the yacht race, at the Isle of Wight, has resulted in the defeat of the New York yacht, Sappho.

The Scheutzen Festival near Baltimore is going on most successfully. Large crowds attend every day.

Com. Charles Armstrong died at Charlestown, Mass., yesterday.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times." The Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention of Western New York at its recent session in Buffalo, adopted a resolution avowing satisfaction at the appointment by the last Methodist General Conference of a commission to confer with a similar commission on behalf of the Protestant Episcopal Convention, with a view to the union of the two bodies, and expressing a hope that the general convention will respond.

A tie maliciously fastened across the track, about five miles west of Frankfort, Ill., caused a serious accident on the eastern bound train, loaded with grain and stock. The train was thrown from the track, and the engineer fatally injured. The fireman had an arm broken. Nine cars were completely wrecked, and a great number of hogs killed, and grain scattered. There is no clue to the perpetrator of the outrage.

The President has decided that the treaty of 1823 between the U. S. and Prussia covers all of the States of the North German Union, lately annexed, so far as it applies to the arrest of deserters in U. S. ports from merchantmen and war vessels sailing from ports in the North German Union. This reverses the opinion of the U. S. Commissioner in New York.

Henry Wendt, formerly Superintendent of the Lutheran Orphans' Home at Germantown, and who about two years ago was arrested, convicted and sentenced to a term of fifteen years to the Pennsylvania Penitentiary for having outraged a number of little girls under his care in the home, has escaped from prison, and it is said has gone to Europe.

The widow of Stonewall Jackson has presented to Mr. David Macrae, of Glasgow, the coat worn by him when he fell on the battlefield of Chancellorsville. It is to be placed in some public museum in Scotland.

Among the political notables at Long Branch is John Morrissey, who, it is said, backs Grant, and is going to back Griswold over Hoffman, if the latter is nominated for Governor of New York.

Gen. Buchanan has relinquished the charge of the Freedmen's Bureau in Louisiana to Gen. Hatch. Gen. Buchanan remains in command of the district until Rousseau arrives.

Gov. Hayes, of Ohio, has issued a proclamation prohibiting the introduction of infected cattle into that State.

Venezuela has opened its ports to the coasting trade of all foreign flags for six months from the 16th of July.

A proclamation extending the customs and revenue laws over the territory of Alaska, was

The Memorial Concert at Warrenton, on Monday evening, was a great success. The hall was crowded, and all were delighted. Mr. Milton M. Wheat, of this place, presided at the piano, and was deservedly applauded, not only for his fine performance on that instrument, but for his energy and exertions in the preparation and conduct of the concert. Several of the ladies sang duets and solos—Miss Pemberton, Mrs. Marshall, Miss Byrne, Mrs. Shackelford, Miss Weaver, and we need not add were enthusiastically complimented. All accounts concur in stating that a more delightful entertainment was never given in the State. Mr. Milton M. Wheat received a handsome letter of thanks from the ladies of the Memorial Association.

Benj. Lacks, a citizen of Bedford county, died near the Peaks of Otter, on the 16th inst. Some years ago, Lacks had the misfortune to kill, in hot blood, a Mr. Bryant, who had been his friend and neighbor. Under the apprehension that he might be severely dealt with, Lacks ran away to Missouri, and only returned a few months ago, in very reduced health and circumstances.

A negro marshal of the Grant ratification meeting, in Richmond, yesterday, while passing up Franklin street, had the temerity to draw a sword upon some gentlemen standing upon the sidewalk, whereupon he was pulled from his charger and well thrashed for his outrage.

Mr. J. B. Ficklin will soon have his second mill near Falmouth bridge completed. The mill of Meyers & Brulle, at Fredericksburg, will soon be ready for grinding. Mr. Slaughter, in Fredericksburg, is again in the field, buying wheat.

The Christiansburg Southwest has a "rumor" of a late occurrence in Patrick county, in which a traveller, stopping at a house, fired upon and killed, one after another, several colored men, who had just killed two young ladies, &c. Probably, this is only a "rumor."

The Appomattox Paper Manufacturing Company, of Petersburg, is a Virginia company, and the quality of the paper manufactured by it, cannot be excelled. We wish there was a paper mill in or near Alexandria. We believe it could be made profitable.

A large business in sumac is doing in Fredericksburg.

## Foreign News.

The international regatta took place yesterday. The following vessels participated in the race: The cutter Condor, 129 tons; the cutter Oimara, 162 tons; the schooner Aliae, 212 tons; the Cambria, 185 tons, and the Sappho. The course was from Cowes, outside the island, to the starting point, to be made within nine hours. The regatta created much excitement among boating men and others, and a large crowd of spectators from London, Portsmouth and Southampton thronged the shores.

Innumerable small craft gathered around the place of starting, and a large fleet of tugs, excursion steamers, and yachts followed the competing vessels all the way around the island.

The weather was clear, with a brisk northwest wind blowing, and the yachts started amid cheers. The Aliae took the lead, but was closely pressed by the Cambria. The Cambria slowly gained upon the Aliae, and finally passed her and won the race in six hours fifteen minutes and fifteen seconds. The Aliae was two minutes later; the Condor third, and the Sappho last.

The charred remains of thirty-three of the victims of the late railroad accident in Wales were buried yesterday.

A grand festival was held at Karlsruhe yesterday. The Minister of War made a speech. He expressed the hope that the Southern States of Germany would soon unite with those of the North, and thus complete the series of great events which commenced in 1866.

Notwithstanding the opposition of a large portion of the British press to the appointment of the Earl of Mayo to be Governor General of India, the appointment has been determined upon by the Government. Lord Mayo will leave for India in October next to assume the duties of his new office.

GOV. SEYMOUR, BY AN OPPONENT.—An able writer in Putnam's Magazine pays the following tribute to Gov. Seymour:

"Gov. Seymour possesses eminent abilities, and underlying his political career are amiable qualities of mind and heart, which are harmoniously attended by that external dignity and personal grace which should adorn the Presidential office. Gov. Seymour's talents are greater in debate than in office, more rhetorical than executive. As a Senator, had the complexion of the New York Legislature admitted of his choice for that office, he might have won, by his suavity in discussion, something of that personal popularity, influence and esteem, from his opponents, which distinguished Reverdy Johnson. Diplomatic by nature, he would make an excellent Secretary of State. We have hardly a more admirable presiding officer. His disposition tends towards harmony and compromise. Like Gerrit Smith, he entertains no political opinion which he would not waive rather than see it the cause of bloodshed. He is a peace man, a compromiser, and reconciler, by conviction, instinct and habit. Horatio Seymour would have made a good President under the order of things that prevailed before the war, when the most adroit compromiser was the greatest statesman."—This comes from an opponent.

TENURE OF OFFICE LAW.—John P. O'Neill, of Philadelphia, was appointed and commissioned by the President on Saturday last U. S. District Attorney for Pennsylvania. On Monday he appeared before Judge Cadwalader for the purpose of having the usual oath of office administered. Judge Cadwalader declined to administer the oath, believing that the appointment was in direct conflict with the section of the Tenure of Office act which provides that the vacancies arising during the recess of Congress, or while it is not in session, may be filled by appointment by the President, the Judge taking the ground that to this case it did not apply, the vacancy having occurred last March, while Congress was in session. It is said that Mr. O'Neill has been advised and intends to go before a U. S. Commissioner, have the oath administered, and then take possession of the office under the authority of the commission of the President. Mr. Gilpin is the present incumbent, and the term for which he was appointed expired last March. Attorney General Evarts a few days since gave an opinion, claiming that the President had the power to make the appointment at this time.

The Richmond Dispatch says: "We learn that a company of capitalists from New York, have purchased West Point, the terminus of the York River Railroad, and a large quantity of land adjacent thereto, lying between the Pamunkey and Mattaponi rivers. They will at once proceed to improve and build up the town and lay off the adjacent land into small farms, to be sold to settlers."

A large Democratic meeting in York, Pa., was held on Monday night, addressed by Gov. Swann, of Maryland, and Gen. Latrobe, of Baltimore. Judge Black presided.

The New York Council men arrested for con-

GOLD CONTRACTS.—DECISION OF JUDGE CRITCHER.—In November, 1865, Absolom P. Rowe entered into the following obligation with his father, George Rowe: "It is hereby expressly understood and agreed upon by and between the parties to this contract, that the purchase money of the property herein referred to, and contracted to be conveyed, together with the interest, shall be payable in gold or its equivalent in value."

The question is, whether this debt may be paid in the notes of the United States?

The legal tender acts of Congress authorize the issue of U. S. notes, which shall be lawful money, and a legal tender in payment of all debts, public and private, within the United States, except duties on imports and interest on the public debt." U. S. statutes at large, February 25, 1862, page 345, act of 11 July, 1862, page 532, act of 3 March, 1863, page 711. Such is the unvaried language of the several acts of Congress. Assuming their constitutionality, since the courts of all the States (except one) have thus decided, it is obvious that before those acts passed—to all debts, public and private, within the United States.

The court is of opinion, that notwithstanding it is the obvious meaning of the contract that this debt shall be paid in gold or its equivalent in value, yet, under the inflexible law of Congress, it may be paid in the notes of the United States.—Fredericksburg Ledger.

RADICAL MEETING IN RICHMOND.—The Radical mass meeting took place yesterday, and lasted four hours. There were in the procession about two thousand blacks and fifty whites, including large delegations of blacks from the surrounding counties. The procession marched through the city with music, flags, and banners, and wagons bearing looms, anvils, and other implements of labor, and banners inscribed with "Grant and Peace, or Blair and War." "Labor must be respected." "Let us have peace." "We are coming Johnnie reb." &c., &c.

The City Springs square was densely crowded, and side meetings were held. Gov. Wells, Gen. W. C. Wickham, formerly a Confederate general, and others, addressed the meeting.

Gen. Wickham said that Gen. Grant was elected the Democratic party would be broken down, and the country would have peace. He said he was quite as willing to be called a carpet-bagger as a Democrat, the latter party having organized all the troubles of the country.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.—Wm. Soper yesterday jumped from the front platform of a Seventh street car while it was in motion, and fell upon the track. Before the horses could be stopped the wheels passed over his back, cutting two severe gashes.

Mr. Wm. Rouher, of Prince George's county, Md., was seriously injured last night by the upsetting of his wagon, the coupling pole striking him on the head and inflicting a severe wound.

The committee of the board of fire commissioners yesterday afternoon commenced an investigation of the charge of incompetency preferred against Mr. Larcabue, the superintendent of the fire-alarm telegraph.

A committee of the Knights Templar having petitioned for leave of absence from official duties for such Templars as desire to attend the convocation of the Grand Encampment on the 15th proximo, such leave has been granted.

Secretary Browning left the city yesterday for the White Sulphur Springs, Va.

STRANGE SCENE IN A THEATRE.—In New York some litigation has grown out of the recent trouble regarding the proprietorship of the drama of "Foul Play," and on Monday evening six constables forced their way into the Broadway Theatre through the stage entrance, for the purpose of arresting D. H. Harkins, the leading man, who was at the time performing the character of Robert Kenfold. Considerable disturbance ensued behind the scenes on the advent of these unexpected comers, and they commenced firing indiscriminately, seriously wounding a man and a boy, the latter very dangerously. The curtain was down and the audience knew nothing of the occurrence at the time it was proceeding, except from hearing the pistol shots and the screams of women. Five of the constables were arrested by the police. Another gentleman took the part of Harkins, who had disappeared, and the play proceeded to the end. Yesterday the five constables were committed to jail to await the result of the injuries they had inflicted. The wounded boy is not expected to survive.

THE ISSUE.—In his masterly speech at Bangor, Maine, last week, Mr. George H. Pendleton declared with solemn truth that this is "the supreme hour of our fate" as a nation. "We are engaged," he said, "in no scramble for office. We are stimulated by no lust for power. This struggle touches the life of our confederated system. It will decide in the far off future the destiny of our country. If our opponents succeed, we shall have, first, unity (not union), then despotism, then revolt, then separation, and then—whatever God in his wrath may inflict. If they fail, we shall have the Constitution obeyed, the Union maintained, liberty enjoyed, prosperity abounding, peace everywhere, and all the glories of our past career will be but as the early bud compared with the blooming beauties of the full-blown flower."

THE CALABAR BEAN, one of the Paris journals asserts, has been found to be an antidote to strychnia. The latter destroys by spasmodic contraction; the former when taken alone paralyzes and consequently neutralizes the action of strychnia if given after that poison. The Calabar is the ordeal bean used by the negroes of Western Africa in determining the guilt or innocence of accused individuals—a test the effect of which is to immensely swell the criminal lists, as it almost invariably proves fatal, the individual only escaping when vomiting is produced—a rare occurrence. The most interesting effect of the Calabar bean is that of contracting the pupil of the eye, whereby distant objects are apparently magnified and seen near, and it is now considerably used for increasing the power of accommodating the eye to distances.

SEARCHING THE BLACK FOREST.—A correspondent writing from the gambling hells of Weisbaden, Hamburg, and Baden-baden, says: Every morning at sunrise there is a squad of men seen searching the forests that adjoin the famous gambling resorts. They are appointed by the Government to hunt out the bodies of suicides. Scarcely a morning passes that several are not found. A short time since, at Wiesbaden, a young English nobleman lost his all at the table. He blew out his brains there and then with a revolver. His body was carried away; the gamblers wiped off the blood from the table with their handkerchiefs, and remarked, "Gentlemen, we will not delay the game!" The play went on as usual. The ladies did not faint—they were too absorbed in the clink of the gold.

The disgraceful "mill" between Samuel Collyer, and Wm. Edwards, of which we were called upon to give some account yesterday, was preceded naturally enough by a brutal, reckless and murderous row on board the steamer Metamora, from Baltimore, as the combatants and their respective adherents of the comb, dangerous elements proceeded to the battle field in Virginia during Sunday night. Pistols

At Woodstock, Shenandoah county, Virginia, on the 22d inst., CHARLOTTE KATE, youngest daughter of Josiah H. Davis, formerly of this city, died. Mrs. FRANCES S. Belmont, in Upperville, Fauquier county, Va., on the 20th inst. died. Mrs. FRANCES S. Belmont, in Upperville, Fauquier county, Va., on the 20th inst. died.

## Gen. Grant in 1866.

"HON. ARMY UNITED STATES, 'WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 18, 1866. 'J. Edwin Dudley, Esq., Chairman Executive Committee, Soldiers' and Sailors' Union: 'SIR: General Grant directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your invitation to be present at a 'National Convention of Soldiers and Sailors, to be held at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1866,' for political purposes. He instructs me to say it is contrary to his habit and to his convictions of duty to attend political meetings of any character whatever, and that he sees with regret the action of any officer of the army taking a conspicuous part in the political dissensions of the day. 'I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant. 'ADAM BADEAU. 'Colonel and A. D. C.'"

AN ESCAPED PRISONER SURRENDERS HIMSELF.—Sometime during the year 1863 a political difficulty occurred at "Montebello," about two miles below Richmond, between two white men, J. S. Basford and Corrie, which resulted in the killing of Corrie by Basford. Basford was arrested and confined in the Henrico county jail to await his trial, but before the trial took place Richmond was evacuated, and he together with all those confined with him, were set at liberty. He went off and has not been heard of until the present time, when he returns and surrenders himself to the county authorities and demands to be tried. Col. Young, the Commonwealth's Attorney for Henrico informed Basford that it was impossible to hold him for trial, as all the papers in his case had been destroyed at the same time that the county courthouse was burned, and that it would be necessary to make out a new indictment against him, which could not be done, as the witnesses could not be produced. Basford still insists upon a trial, as he says he cannot be satisfied without it, and offers to hunt up some of the witnesses, as he knows where they can be found. This is a most remarkable case, and is one in which the offender has a strong belief in his ability to clear himself of the charge of murder or manslaughter. Otherwise, it must be that a guilty conscience has led him to take this step and atone for his crime.—Rich. Whig.

HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.—A few years since the poet was coming from his home in the morning when a venerable looking man accosted him, inquiring if he could tell him the location of the house which was formerly the headquarters of George Washington. "This is the house, Sir," replied the poet. "Do you suppose that I could get a chance to see the inside of it?" queried the old gentleman. "Certainly," continued Mr. Longfellow. "I reside here, and I should be happy to show you over the premises." They entered and passed through the different rooms, and the historic associations of the place were pleasantly recalled by Mr. Longfellow. When he concluded the visitor quietly turned around and said: "May I ask you your name?" "Oh, yes," responded the author; "my name is Longfellow." "One would have supposed that the fame of so celebrated a man must have reached even the humble individual who was the recipient of so much courtesy; but after musing a while and repeating the name slowly two or three times as if endeavoring to recall some past association, he exclaimed: "Any relation to the Longfellow, of Worcester?"—Boston Journal.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.—With reference to the adjustment of the difference between the United States and England relative to the settlement of the Alabama claims, "Data," of the Baltimore Sun, says, in his last Washington dispatch to that journal:

"From the latest authentic and official information received on that subject, it is evident that there will be but comparatively slight difficulty in disposing of this hitherto vexatious matter. The instructions to Minister Reverdy Johnson from Mr. Seward are full, complete, and unlimited, and he can therefore exercise his own judgment, and consider the claims and the questions of international law therein involved de novo, and entirely without reference to the former complications that have arisen between the two Governments.

When Mr. Johnson left here a few weeks ago he expressed the belief that within two months or thereabouts after his arrival in England he will have settled upon the basis of an amicable and honorable adjustment of the Alabama claims."

THE CHINESE AT WORCESTER.—The Worcester (Mass.) Spy, in its account of the festivities tendered to the Chinese Embassy in its transit through that city, says:

"The following was the bill of fare, as near as we could judge:

Champagne.
Soup.
Champagne.
Rice.
Champagne.
Eggs.
Champagne.
Ham.
Champagne.
Ice Water.
Champagne.

"These dignitaries have a great love for champagne, and calls were made for it before they had been in the hotel ten minutes."

FALSE PRETENCES.—The Baltimore Sun of yesterday says:

"A man named Richard N. Robbins, arrested on the 13th inst., on the double charge of obtaining \$670 in false pretences from Grant, Jackson & Co., of Washington, D. C., and perjury, yesterday underwent a hearing. From what could be learned it appears that Robbins represented that he was in possession of a lot of valuable ore, which he would turn over to the above firm at the end of a fixed time provided the firm would endorse his paper, which was done. When the note matured it was protested, and no account was made of the ore. The particulars of the perjury charge did not transpire. The accused was committed to await a requisition."

PENNSYLVANIA COAL MINERS.—In the coal region, the newspapers announce that all the collieries will be at work during this week. The miners were holding out at St. Clair, and a few in the Mahanoy Valley at the latest accounts. All the others had gone to work at ten hours, with an advance of wages ranging from 10 to 15 per cent. for both miners and laborers. The strike, it is stated, has been a failure as far as the eight hour system is concerned. The loss caused by the strike, it is asserted, has fallen heavily on Schuylkill county, while the Wyoming and other regions have been benefited by it. Coal has advanced in consequence from 25 to 50 cts. a ton in the market.

Judge Parker, proposes to re-open his law school in Winchester, next month. He is an excellent jurist, a pleasant instructor, and an accomplished gentleman.

The Chinese Embassy are going about seeing all the sights in and around Boston.

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